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FOR: BETA2-ADRENOCEPTOR AGONISTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement mailed May 28, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the species of claim 29(A)ii. The claims readable on the elected species are 17-20 and 26-36. As this election is submitted within the shortened statutory period of 1 month, no extension of time is required. Early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: June 24, 2003

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